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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Betty L. Sowders of Alton, who passed away on January 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Sowders was born on April 5, 1936 in East Alton; her parents were Leto and Tillie (nee Schulze) Iberg; she married Rudolph "Rudy" Sowders, Jr. on September 10, 1955 at the First Baptist Church in East Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Sowders graduated from East Alton-Wood River High School in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Sowders worked part time as a bookkeeper at Lester Gentry's Bookkeeping Service for 27 years; she later worked as the office manager at the Lockhaven Country Club and as the bookkeeper for the family business, Turn 2 Collectibles; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Sowders was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rudolph; 3 sisters, Marcella Iberg, Wilma Bizailion, and Rose Ann Opper; and 4 brothers, Herbert, Edward, Donald, and Leslie Iberg; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Sowders is survived by her children and

1 their spouses, Rudolph C., III "Rick" and Susan Sowders, John
2 and Ellen Sowders, Lisa and Jeff Dublo, Donna Droste, Jerry and
3 Donna Sowders, and Mark Sowders; her grandchildren and their
4 spouses, David Sowders, Melissa Dublo and Chris Winsel, Joshua
5 Droste, Matthew and Victoria Sowders, Jeff and Amanda Dublo,
6 Steven and Michele Sowders, Katherine Sowders, Bethany and Dan
7 Sanderson, Angela Sowders, Michael Dublo, Cole Sowders,
8 Natalie Sowders, Logan Sowders, Matt and Karin Witt; her
9 "honorary" grandsons, Casey and Kevin Cox; 6
10 great-grandchildren, Jenna and Grant Dublo, Jacob Winsel,
11 Ashlyn and Claire Witt, and Olivia Sowders; a sister and
12 brother-in-law, Shirley Jean and Michael Bandy; a
13 sister-in-law, Elaine Iberg; a brother-in-law, Jim (Nina)
14 Bizaillion; and her many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Betty L. Sowders; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Betty Sowders as an expression of
21 our sympathy.